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SUBJECT: SAUDI PRESS FOCUSES ON STATEMENTS BY SAUDI LEADERS  
FACING POSSIBILITY OF RENEWED WAR

1. SUMMARY: IN LAST SEVERAL DAYS THE SAUDI PRESS HAS  
HIGHLIGHTED PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY SAUDI LEADERS (ONE BEING  
THE KING) ON THE DANGER OF RENEWED WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST.  
END SUMMARY.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 22 THE RIYADH DAILY "AL-RIYADH" (FREQUENTLY  
A SPOKESMAN FOR GOVERNMENT POSITION) GAVE UNUSUAL FRONT PAGE  
PROMINENCE TO A TELEVISION INTERVIEW WITH DEPUTY INTERIOR  
MINISTER (AND FULL BROTHER OF FAHD) PRINCE NAYIF. NAYIF  
WAS QUOTED AS SAYING HE BELIEVES PRESIDENT FORD'S ASSURANCES  
THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN US MIDDLE EAST POLICY AND  
CREDITS THAT POLICY WITH SERVING THE WORLD IN ACHIEVING  
WORLD PEACE. HE WENT ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD  
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NOT RULE OUT THE OUTBREAK OF A NEW ARAB-ISRAELI WAR AND

IS CERTAIN THERE WILL BE WAR IF THE WORLD TURNS A DEAF  
EAR TO THE CALL FOR JUSTICE AND DOES NOTHING TO STOP  
ISRAELI AGGRESSION.

3. ON SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24 THE PRESS GAVE MAJOR FRONT  
PAGE COVERAGE TO EXCERPTS FROM AN INTERVIEW GIVEN BY KING  
FAISAL TO NEWSWEEK EDITOR DE BORCHGRAVE. (ASSUME FULL  
TEXT AVAILABLE WASHINGTON). TWO NEWSPAPERS CARRIED  
IDENTICAL HEADLINES QUOTING THE KING AS SAYING "VALUABLE  
TIME HAS BEEN FRITTERED AWAY IN THE SEARCH OF MIDDLE  
EAST PEACE". A THIRD PAPER SAID IN ITS HEADLINE "THE  
KING IS UNEASY ABOUT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL". QUOTES FROM THE  
INTERVIEW ALSO HEADLINED BY THE PRESS WERE "A PLEA BY  
FAISAL THAT GOD MIGHT ENABLE AMERICA TO ENABLE ISRAEL TO  
SEE THE LIGHT AND TO WITHDRAW"; AND THE KING'S STATEMENTS  
"THE IMPACT OF THE NEXT MIDDLE EAST CRISIS WILL BE FAR  
GREATER THAN THE LAST", AND "GRADUAL SOLUTIONS ARE NOT  
PRACTICAL. A RADICAL SOLUTION IS NEEDED".

4. COMMENT: BELIEVE THE CHORUS REFLECTS GOVERNMENT DIRECTION:  
ON SEPTEMBER 23 THE DAILY MADINA GAVE MINOR COVERAGE TO THE DE  
BORCHGRAVE INTERVIEW, WHILE THE OTHER PAPERS (AS MENTIONED  
ABOVE) GAVE IT FRONT PAGE PROMINENCE. ON SEPT 24 MADINA  
ATTENDED FOR ITS NEGLIGENCE BY SPLASHING ON ITS FRONT  
PAGE WHAT THE OTHER PAPERS HAD HAD THERE THE DAY BEFORE.  
AS FOR NAYIF STATEMENT, HE IS NOT KNOWN AS A FOREIGN  
POLICY EXPERT. THE PROMINENCE GIVEN TO HIS WORDS IS  
DOUBTLESS THE RESULT OF A DIRECTIVE FROM THE MINISTRY OF  
INFORMATION. IT LOOKS AS IF THE SAG IS TRYING TO GET A  
MESSAGE ACROSS.  
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